Information in respect of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh is being collected. No specific instance of profit making by the State Governments in the supply of specially subsidised rice in ITDP areas has come to the notice of the Government. However, from December, 1985 to August, 1988 Andhra Pradesh supplying common rice under this scheme at Rs. 2.00 per kg. against end retail price of Rs. 1.85 per kg. fixed by the Government.

Price index for Industrial workers

1255. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the base for the price index for Industrial workers is proposed to be shifted from 1962-63 to 1980-81; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this change and by when the new price index number will be worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) The base year for the consumer price index for industrial workers has been shifted from 1960 to 1982.

(b) The series of Consumer Price Index with 1960 as the base year was based on the results of the Family Living Survey conducted during 1958-59. With the passage of time, the consumption expenditure pattern of 1960 had become out of of date. It was, therefore, considered desirable to change the base year in order that it may adequately reflect the actual consumption expenditure pattern as revealed by Family Income and Expenditure Survey Conducted during 1981-82. The new series with 1982 as the base year has already been introduced with effect from October, 1988.

Criteria for allocations of funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

1256. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the amounts allocated and distributed under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Rs. 19319.51 lakhs (including State's share) has been allocated to the Zila Parishads in Andhra Pradesh for the year 1989-90 under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). Against this, Rs. 7125.12 lakhs has been released so far.

Allotment of essential commodities to Maharashtra

1257. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allotments in recent months to Maharashtra of rice and wheat for distribution through the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested to increase the monthly allotments in view of the increasing requirements of that State of these commodities;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the request and increase suitably the allotments of wheat and rice to that State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The required information is in the enclosed statement. (See below)

(b) Yes, Sir.